

Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 - Citizenship in the Republic of Uzbekistan

Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall qualify constant political and legal relation between a person and the State, which is expressed in their mutual rights and duties.

In the Republic of Uzbekistan every person shall have a right to citizenship. No one may be deprived of citizenship or of the right to alter citizenship.

The Republic of Uzbekistan represented by its organs and officials shall be responsible to citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan and a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be responsible to the State.

The Republic of Uzbekistan shall protect rights, freedoms and interests of its citizens on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan and outside it.

Article 2 - Equal Citizenship

Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be equal for all, irrespective of the grounds for its acquisition.

Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be equal under the law, irrespective of origin, social and property status, race, nationality, sex, education, language, attitude to religion, political and other beliefs, occupation and other circumstances.

Equality of citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be ensured in all the fields of economic, political, social and cultural life.

A citizen of the Republic of Karakalpakstan shall be at the same time a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 3 - Legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Citizenship

Legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall consist of the present Law adopted on the basis of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan and of other laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan issued in conformity with it.

Article 4 - Affiliation to Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be:

1 persons who, by the moment of enactment of the present Law, permanently reside in the Republic of Uzbekistan, irrespective of origin, social and property status, race and nationality, sex, education, language, political beliefs, religion, occupation and who are not citizens of other states and who have expressed desire to become citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

2 persons who are on state mission, military service or who learn outside the Republic of Uzbekistan, provided that they were born or they proved to be permanent residents on its territory, they are not in citizenship of other states and they, not later than in a year after enactment of the present Law, expressed desire to become citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

3 persons who acquired citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan in conformity with the present Law.

Article 5 - Documents Confirming Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Documents confirming citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be a passport of a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan and before its issue - a birth certificate or other document with reference to a person's citizenship.

Model of passport and of birth certificate of citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, procedure and conditions of their issue shall be determined by the Cabinet of Ministers under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 6 - Retention of Citizenship in Case of Marriage and of Dissolution of Marriage

Marriage of a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan to a person being in foreign citizenship or to a stateless person as well as dissolution of such a marriage shall not entail alteration of citizenship of the spouses.

Alteration of citizenship by either spouse shall not entail alteration of citizenship of the other spouse.

Article 7 - Retention of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by Persons Residing Abroad

Residence abroad of a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall not entail termination of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 8 - Protection by the State of Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan Abroad
Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan abroad shall enjoy protection and patronage by the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The Republic of Uzbekistan, its diplomatic representations and consular institutions as well as their officials shall be obliged to take measures so that citizens of the Republic of the Republic of Uzbekistan have an opportunity to fully enjoy all the rights provided for them by legislation of host country, by international instruments which the Republic of Uzbekistan and host country are Parties to and by international customs to protect their rights and legitimate interests in the manner established by legislation, and, whenever necessary, to take measures for redress of infringed rights of citizens of the Republic Uzbekistan.

Article 9 - Inadmissibility of Extradition of a Citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan to a Foreign State
A citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan may not be extradited to a foreign state unless otherwise is provided for by an international instrument of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

**Article 10 - Non-Recognition of Affiliation of a Citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan to
Citizenship of a Foreign State**

A person who is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall not be recognised as affiliated to citizenship of a foreign state.

In exceptional cases compatriots - citizens of foreign state upon their request and findings of special deputy commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan Supreme Soviet and by decision of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan may also be admitted to citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan, provided that they or their parents, grandfather or grandmother in due time were compelled to leave homeland because of the regime existed at that time.

Article 11 - Stateless Persons

Persons resident on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan who are not citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan and who do not have proofs of their affiliation to citizenship of a foreign state shall be considered stateless persons.

II. ACQUISITION OF CITIZENSHIP OF THE REPUBLIC UZBEKISTAN

Article 12 - Grounds for Acquisition of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be acquired:

- 1 by birth;
- 2 in result of admission to citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 3 on the grounds provided for by international instruments of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 4 on other grounds provided for by the present Law.

Article 13 - Citizenship of Children Whose Parents Are Citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan
A child whose both parents, at its birth, are in citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan, shall be a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, irrespective of that whether it is born on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan or outside it.

Article 14 - Citizenship of Children Either of Whose Parents is a Citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Where the parents are in different citizenship and either of them, at the moment of a child's birth, is in the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the child shall be a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan:

- 1 where it is born on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 2 where it is born outside the Republic of Uzbekistan but the parents or either of them at that time have permanent residence on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Where the parents are in different citizenship and either of them, at the moment of a child's birth, is in the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan, if at that time both parents have permanent residence outside the Republic of Uzbekistan, citizenship of the child born outside the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be determined by written agreement between the parents.

A child either of whose parents at the moment of the child's birth is in the citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the other is a stateless person or is unknown, shall be a citizen of the Republic of

Uzbekistan, irrespective of the place of birth.

Where paternity of a child, whose mother is a stateless person and father is deemed a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, is established, the child under the age of 14 years shall become a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, irrespective of the place of birth.

Article 15 - Acquisition of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by Children of Stateless Persons
A child born on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan of stateless persons who permanently reside in the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 16 - Citizenship of Children of Unknown Parents
A child being on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan whose both parents are unknown, shall be a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 17 - Admission to the Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Aliens and stateless persons may be upon their petition admitted to citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan in conformity with the present Law, irrespective of origin, race and nationality, sex, education, language, religion political and other beliefs.

Conditions for admission to citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be:

- 1 renunciation of foreign citizenship;
 - 2 permanent residence on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan during the last five years.
- This rule shall not cover persons who have expressed desire to become citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan provided that they were born or they proved that at least one of their parents, grandfather of grandmother were born on its territory and they are not in citizenship of other states;
- 3 availability of lawful sources of subsistence;
 - 4 recognition and observance of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Requirements referred to in clauses 1, 2 and 3 of the present Article may be waived in exceptional cases upon the decision of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan in regard to individuals who rendered outstanding services to the Republic of Uzbekistan or who have high achievements in science, technology and culture or who have profession or qualification of interest to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Application for admission to citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be denied where a person: advocates violent change of the constitutional system of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

- is a member of parties and other organisations whose activity is incompatible with the constitutional principles of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- has been convicted and is serving sentence of deprivation of liberty for acts prosecuted under laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 18 - Reinstatement in Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan
A person who has been earlier in citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan may be, upon his/her petition, reinstated in citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan in conformity with the requirements of the present Law.

III. TERMINATION OF CITIZENSHIP OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

Article 19 - Grounds for Termination of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be terminated:

- 1 in result of withdrawal from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 2 in result of loss of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 3 on the grounds provided for by international instruments of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 4 on the other grounds provided for by the present Law.

Termination of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall entail termination of citizenship of the Republic of Karakalpakstan.

Article 20 - Withdrawal from Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Withdrawal from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be allowed upon petition of a person in the manner established by the present Law.
Withdrawal from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan may be denied where a petitioner has outstanding obligations to the State or property obligations involving substantial interests of citizens or state and public organisations.

Withdrawal from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall not be allowed where a petitioner is under indictment in criminal case or under sentence of conviction which has taken effect and which is pending execution, or where withdrawal of a person from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan contradicts the interests of state security of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 21 - Loss of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be lost:

- 1 in result of joining military service, security bodies, police, judicial bodies or other state authority and administrative bodies in a foreign State;
- 2 where a person permanently residing abroad has not registered without good reasons in a consular institution within five years;
- 3 where citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan has been acquired on the basis of deliberately false information or forged documents.

Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be lost since the date of issue of the decree by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

IV. CITIZENSHIP OF CHILDREN AT ALTERATION OF CITIZENSHIP OF THE PARENTS AND ON ADOPTION

Article 22 - Alteration of Citizenship of children in Case of Alteration of Citizenship of the Parents

At alteration of citizenship of parents in result of which the both parents become citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan or they withdraw from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan, citizenship of their children up to the age of years shall be altered accordingly.

Where one of the parents of a child is known, at alteration of citizenship of this parent, citizenship of the child up to the age of 14 years shall be altered accordingly.

Article 23 - Retention of Citizenship of the republic of Uzbekistan by a Child under Guardianship or Trusteeship

Where both parents or sole parent of a child residing on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan withdraw from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan and do not participate in upbringing of the child under guardianship or trusteeship of citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the child upon petition of the parents, guardian or trustee shall retain citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 24 - Acquisition of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by children in Case of Acquisition of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by Either Parent

Where either parent becomes citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the other remains alien, the child may acquire citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan upon petition of the parent who acquires citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Where either parent becomes citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the other remains stateless person, the child residing on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall become citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Where either parent becomes citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the other remains stateless person, the child residing outside the Republic of Uzbekistan may acquire citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan upon petition of the parent who acquires citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 25 - Retention of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by Children in Case of Withdrawal from Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by Either Parent

Where either parent withdraws from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the other remains citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the child shall retain citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Upon petition of the parent who withdraws from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan, such a child may be allowed to withdraw from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 26 - Acquisition of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by Children in Case of Adoption

A child who is an alien or stateless person, in case of adoption by citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan, shall become citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

A child who is an alien, in case of adoption by the spouses one of whom is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the other - a stateless person, shall become citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

A child who is a stateless person, in case of adoption by the spouses one of whom is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, shall become citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

A child who is an alien, in case of adoption by the spouses one of whom is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the other - an alien, shall become citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan upon agreement of adopters.

Article 27 - Retention of Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by Children in Case of Adoption
A child who is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in case of adoption by aliens or by the spouses one of whom is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the other - an alien, shall retain citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Upon petition of adopters such a child may be allowed to withdraw from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

A child who is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in case of adoption by stateless persons or by the spouses one of whom is a citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the other - a stateless person, shall retain citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 28 - Necessity of Children's Consent at Alteration of their Citizenship
Alteration of citizenship of children between the ages of 14 and 18 years, in case of alteration of citizenship of their parents as well as in case of adoption, may take place only with the children's consent, in the manner provided for by the Article 34 of the present Law.

V. STATE ORGANS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN DEALING WITH CITIZENSHIP MATTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN, AND THEIR POWERS

Article 29 - State Organs of the Republic of Uzbekistan Dealing With Citizenship Matters of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The state organs dealing with citizenship matters of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be:

- President of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, diplomatic representations and consular institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 30 - Powers of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan
The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall take decisions:
1 on admission to citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan of aliens and stateless persons permanently residing on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
2 on admission to citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan of aliens and stateless persons who reside abroad and who have addressed the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan with appropriate petition;
3 on reinstatement in citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
4 on withdrawal from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
5 on loss of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 31 - Powers of the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Uzbekistan
The Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Uzbekistan and its duly authorised subordinate agencies shall:
1 accept from persons permanently residing in the Republic applications on citizenship matters of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
2 verify facts and documents submitted in substantiation of applications on citizenship matters of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
3 forward applications on citizenship matters, together with the pertinent documents, to the Commission on Citizenship Matters under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
4 determine affiliation to citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan of persons permanently residing in the Republic of Uzbekistan;
5 register loss of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by persons permanently residing on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 32 - Powers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Diplomatic Representations and Consular Institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, diplomatic representations and consular institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall:

- 1 accept from persons permanently residing abroad applications on citizenship matters of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 2 verify facts and documents submitted in substantiation of applications on citizenship matters of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 3 forward applications on citizenship matters, together with the pertinent documents, to the Commission on Citizenship Matters under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
- 4 determine affiliation to citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan of persons permanently residing abroad;
- 5 register loss of citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan by persons permanently residing abroad;
- 6 register citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan permanently residing abroad.

VI. PROCEEDINGS IN CITIZENSHIP CASES OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

Article 33 - Procedure for Filing Applications on Citizenship Matters

Applications on citizenship matters shall be submitted to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan through internal affairs agencies at the applicant's place of permanent residence, and by persons permanently residing abroad - through respective diplomatic representations and consular institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

A person who is in citizenship of a foreign State, shall be obliged to submit the document on attitude of the State to the person's intend to alter citizenship.

Article 34 - Form of Applications on Citizenship Matters

Petitions on admission to, reinstatement in, or withdrawal from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be considered upon a petitioner's written request. Petitions in regard to persons under 18 years old shall be considered upon their lawful representatives, request, certified notarially, and abroad - certified by diplomatic representations or consular institution of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

In case of filing application on admission to, reinstatement in, and withdrawal from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan of children between the ages of 14 and 18 years, there must be their consent which must be done in writing and certified notarially, and abroad - certified by diplomatic representation or consular institution of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

In case of filing petition on withdrawal from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan of a minor, either of whose parents remains citizen of the republic of Uzbekistan, there must also be a statement of this parent about his/her attitude to withdrawal of the minor from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Such a statement must be certified notarially, and abroad - certified by diplomatic representation or consular institution of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Where applicant is unable to sign application for reasons of illiteracy or physical disability, the application, upon his/her request, shall be signed by other person, and this fact shall be recorded by inscription on the application by internal affairs agency and abroad - by diplomatic representation or consular institution of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 35 - Determination of Affiliation to Citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Application on affiliation of a person to citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be filed to internal affairs agency at the applicant's place of permanent residence, and by the person permanently residing abroad - to respective diplomatic representation or consular institution of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

At determination of affiliation to citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan, acts of legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan and rules of international instruments of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be applied which are valid at the moment of circumstances connected with affiliation of a person to citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 36 - Processing of Applications on Citizenship Matters

Processing of applications on citizenship matters of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be made by internal affairs agency at the applicant's place of permanent residence with personal delivery by the applicant, and where applicant permanently resides abroad - by respective diplomatic representation or consular institution of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Where there are good reasons, internal affairs agencies and respective diplomatic representations and consular institutions shall be obliged to process materials on citizenship upon applications delivered by other persons or by mail.

At delivery of applications on citizenship matters of the Republic of Uzbekistan, stamp duty shall be levied in the amount fixed by law of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 37 - Findings on Applications on Citizenship

Internal affairs agency or respective diplomatic representation or consular institution processing application on citizenship matters shall enter well-reasoned finding on it.

Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall forward their findings on applications or petitions on citizenship matters and other requisite documents to the Commission on Citizenship Matters under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Findings on applications on withdrawal from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall also contain information on outstanding obligations of the applicant to the State or on his/her property obligations involving substantial interests of citizens or of State, cooperative and other public organisations, on the applicant to be under indictment in criminal case or under sentence of conviction which has taken effect and which is pending execution, or on the fact that withdrawal of the person from citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan contradicts the interests of state security of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 38 - Preliminary Consideration of Applications and Petitions at the Commission on Citizenship Matters under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

For preliminary consideration of citizenship matters referred to in Article 30 of the present Law, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall form the Commission on Citizenship Matters.

At consideration of applications and petitions on citizenship matters the Commission shall thoroughly evaluate arguments of an applicant, the content of petition, findings of state bodies and public organisations, other documents and duly formalised testimony of witnesses.

The Commission shall also take into account the opinion of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, where a person intends to reside there, on advisability of his/her admission to citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan or reinstatement in it, including possible employment, housing and other accommodation in the Republic.

The Commission shall be entitled to demand, on the matter under its consideration, documents and materials of respective state bodies and public organisations which shall submit the requisite information within the time established by the Commission.

The Commission shall put up for consideration by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan proposals on each application or petition.

The Commission's decision shall be framed in protocol and signed by all the members present.

Article 39 - Decisions on Citizenship Matters by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall issue decrees on citizenship matters.

Alterations in citizenship shall take effect on the date of issue of decree by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, unless the decree provides for otherwise.

Repeated application on citizenship matter shall be considered, as a rule, in one year after the preceding decision. In case of appearance of circumstances, which are substantial for the case that the applicant did not and could not know, the repeated application may be considered earlier.

Article 40 - Terms for Consideration of Applications on Citizenship Matters

The term for consideration of applications or petitions on citizenship matters must not exceed one year.

VII. EXECUTION OF DECISIONS ON CITIZENSHIP MATTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

Article 41 - Agencies Executing Decisions on Citizenship Matters

Execution of decisions on citizenship matters with respect to persons permanently residing in the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be assigned to the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Uzbekistan and its respective agencies, civil status registration departments, and with respect to persons residing

abroad - to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, respective diplomatic representations and consular institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Article 42 - Issue of Passports and Residence Permits

Internal affairs agencies or diplomatic representations or consular institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall issue passports of citizen of the Republic of Uzbekistan to persons who have acquired citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the manner established by law. An entry on affiliation to citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be made in documents of children who have not attained the age of 16 years.

Persons residing in the Republic of Uzbekistan whose citizenship of the Republic of Uzbekistan has been terminated and who are not in citizenship of other state shall be issued stateless person residence permit by internal affairs agencies.

Article 43 - Control for Execution of Decisions on Citizenship Matters

Control for execution of decisions on citizenship matters of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be exercised by the Commission on Citizenship Matters under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and by other duly authorised agencies within terms of reference.

VIII. APPEALS AGAINST UNLAWFUL ACTS BY PERSONS IN OFFICE ON CITIZENSHIP MATTERS

Article 44 - Appeals against Unlawful Acts by Persons in Office on Citizenship Matters

Groundless refusal to accept applications on citizenship matters, breach or them for consideration of applications and other unlawful acts by persons in office in breach of the proceedings in considerations of citizenship cases, and breach of procedure of execution of decisions on citizenship matters may be appealed against, in the manner established by law, with higher-standing official or with court of law.

IX. INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Article 45 - Application of International Instruments

Where international instrument of the Republic of Uzbekistan provides for rules other than those contained in the present law, the rules of international instrument shall be applied.